

Coastal Carolina

U N I V E R S I T Y

2nd Annual Civic-Learning Conference

**Making a difference in K-16
Education for our Future:
Improving student success by
increasing the graduation rate**



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2008

You are invited to submit a proposal for the Second Annual Civic Learning Conference on Service-Learning, Community Service and Civic Engagement initiatives between higher education institutions and K-12 schools and between 2-year and 4-year higher education institutions. The Conference will be held on March 14, 2008, at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC. with funding provided by the South Carolina Higher Education Commission.

Through 50-minute thematic sessions and poster displays, presenters are asked to share their programs, projects, research or best practices in improving student success of K-16 students by increasing the graduation rate.

Special showcase sessions will highlight programs in the state that reach out and make a difference in the lives of K-12 students and provide services or support to assist those students to reach or obtain higher education. Those special showcase sessions will be part of a competitive grant opportunity to provide monetary support to assist with the creation and operation of a theme-related conference/workshop in their neighboring community.

Conference/Workshop Grants

Each Mind-Trust Delegate receives:

- \$5,000 seed grant to assist with the creation and operation of a theme-related conference/workshop (one time grant) within 2 years of receiving the funding or all funds must be returned at the end of the 2 year period

Each Mind-Trust Delegate must submit:

- Follow-up year – report on progress, report on conference/workshop, expenditures – presentation on conference/workshop
- Digital photos and/or video of conference/workshop events and speakers to be used at the annual conference or for promotional purposes

For more information please contact Lucille Webb at (843)349-2665 or lwebb@coastal.edu.

Opening Conference Session

The opening conference session is for representatives across the state (Mind Trust Delegates) who have been identified as leaders in civic engagement efforts or have programs that impact student success in K-16 from a societal and/or higher education perspective. Delegates are identified by various statewide groups, organizations, and/or agencies (i.e. Campus Compact, State department, State higher education agency, U.S. Department of Education, etc.). The pre-conference entails:

- a. Mind Trust Sessions – a sharing of information pertaining to changes, trends and/or innovative approaches to student academic success and fulfillment of their educational potential. Open discussion on how higher education goes about assuring student success
 - K-16 dropout prevention
 - Graduation rate
 - Continuous progression (timely)
 - Higher education aspirations and motivation
 - Accessibility of higher education to at-risk and underrepresented populations

Mind-Trust Delegates will be responsible for disseminating information from the annual conference to their community and host workshop(s)/conference(s) to

highlight innovative programs, and approaches, new or future national and state legislation, as well as share their newfound knowledge and experiences from the annual conference.

Conference Sessions

The Conference is for two and four year higher education institution representatives who have based their work, research, or program, and those who are interested in civic engagement efforts that impact student success in K-16 from a societal and/or higher education perspective. These concurrent sessions highlight innovative programs and approaches that provide options or opportunities for at-risk and underrepresented populations

All proposals must be submitted electronically as an e-mail attachment to lwebb@coastal.edu by no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST) on **February 15, 2008**. If you have any questions please feel free to call Emma Savage-Davis at (843) 349-2665.



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Extended Deadline: February 15, 2008

All presenters must register for the conference and are responsible for the registration fees.

(Please print clearly or type)

Presentation Title _____

Lead Presenter Name _____

Position/Title _____

Institution/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Email _____

- I am interested in applying for the Mind-Trust Grant. Please send me a grant application. All grant applications must be postmark no later than March 1 for consideration.**

On a separate sheet of paper please include the following for all co-presenters. The lead presenter will be the contact and source of information dissemination for this submitted proposal.

- Co-PresenterName(s)
- Position/Title
- Institution/Organization
- Mailing Address
- City State Zip

ALL PRESENTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN TECHNOLOGY

PROPOSAL FORMAT

(Please submit in a Word document Format)



Presentation Title:

Lead Presenter: List name, title, institution, mailing address, home and office phone number, fax number, and e-mail.

Proposal Type: 50-Minute Thematic Session Poster: Graphic displays

Intended Audience: PK-12 Higher Education

Subject descriptors: Identify descriptors that most closely relate this presentation to the conference theme. Include three one- or two-word descriptors for the subject index.

Goals and specific learning objectives of the session:

Abstract of Presentation: 350 words or less. Be clear, concise and thorough.

Theme Connection: How does this presentation relate to the conference theme of "Making a difference in K-12 Education for our Future: Improving student success by increasing the graduation rate"?

Summary for Conference Program: 50 words or less that would appear in the conference program. Be precise in describing the content of the session to aid attendees in selecting topics relevant to their interests. Proposals which do not include this summary or go beyond the thirty word limit may not be considered. Summary may be edited by the Program Committee prior to the conference.